(b) whether it is also a fact that another Central public sector unit has imported integrated circuits and other components for over 2,00,000 colour television sets during the same period ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS, OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) a Government of India public sector undertaking, has given out a design of CTV receiver, incorporating ICs and other components developed by it, as well as other components made indigenously.

(b) and (c) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T), a public sector undertaking of the Government of India, has released during 1985-86 purchase orders for the import of 2,00,000 sets of ICs and varying lesser quantities of certain other components for Colour TV (CTV) sets. These components are being imported by ET&T for the CTVs under their "Material, Technology, Brand Name" (MTB) programme. The design for these CTVs was finalised by ET&T much before BEL came up with their design of CTV receiver. ET&T had finalised these orders before BEL announced its design. ET&T is progressively indigenising its design, by substituting imported components with indigenous ones, as far as practicable. The BEL design is also under consideration of ET&T and after evaluation, if found suitable, can be considered for introduction through their MTB plan.

Import of Video Cassette Records by E.T. & T.

260. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronics Trade and Technical Development Corporation Limited has recently imported 1000 video cassette records; and

(b) if so, what arguments were advanced by them to the Ministry of Commerce while seeking permission for such import ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPRATMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) is conisidering import of VCRs for the Teleteach programme.

Proposal of UK for extradition of Criminals

261. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of UK have submitted to the Government of India a draft treaty for extradition of persons wanted for crimes in each other's country ; and

(b) whether the Government of India have accepted the proposals made by the UK Government; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) No. Sir, it is the Government of India who have handed over a draft of an

Extradition Treaty to the UK authorities. This draft treaty is presently under consideration of the UK Government.

Readiness of US to sell Armaments to India

262. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under compulsions of its commercial interests and enormous trade deficit, the US has expressed its readiness to sell some armaments to our country but on the same terms that governed supply of enriched uranium for the Tarapur nuclear reactor; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Elephants in the Country

263. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGh MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in thd Free Press Journal of 10th March, 1986 wherein it has been stated that elephant populaton is dwindling in Asia and particularly in India ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore ; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to increase their population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AESG) of the International Union for the Conservaton of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) referred to in the cited news item does not mention specifically that the elephant population in India is dwindling. However, it is a fact that fragmentation of the elephant's habitat and diversion of forest tracts constituting their migratory rutes for other uses are causing problems in the conservation of the species. There is no evidence that the population of elephants in the country is decreasing.

(c) The Indian Elephant is included in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 which provides it full legal protection from hunting and capture. It is also listed in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which strictly regulates International trade in the species and its derivatives. Export of Ivory of the Indian Elephant is banned under the current export policy and export of elephants is also not normally permissible. A number of national parks and sanctuaries have been established throughout of the range of distribution of the Indian Elephant in the Country, to afford it protection as well as to its habitat. The States and Union territories where elephants are found have been advised to specially protect identified migration corridors. Specific recommendations made for the conservation of the Indian Elephant by the Asian Elphant Specialist Group are being followed up with the concerned States and Union territories.

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264. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या चार्ल्स शोभराज के जेल से भाग निकलने से संबंधित जांच पूरी हो गयी है ;